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Attention:

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Dear Elected Official/Governing Body:

I am writing to protest the construction of the Sumas Energy 2 natural gas fired generation plant in Sumas, Washington.

This plant will emit more than 100 tons of nitrous oxide, 100 tons of ammonia, 200 tons of particulate matter, 90 tons of carbon monoxide per year and 2.16 million tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is no small project and these calculations do not take into consideration the accumulative or residual effects of these emissions.

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I believe that the DEIS document prepared for the application with the energy board - EFSAC has many huge gaps and some very erroneous statements as to the human health effects. The area north east of this plant, which is where these emissions will go, is known to have the worst air quality in Canada. As well this plant will draw huge amounts of valuable water from the Sumas/Abbotsford aquifer, which will eventually reduce the levels of the farm wells. As to the possibility of the transmission lines going north into Canada, this is just not something that I as a citizen of Abbotsford want to accept. These lines will have a serious effect on our health and economic climate. This does not even address the contaminants that will be in the effluent coming from the plant.

I do not wish to see this project go ahead and urge you to use your powers and persuasion to put an end to this proposal. Please listen to the citizens that will be most affected by this plant.

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I am completely opposed to the construction of this plant for the reasons listed above. The citizens of Abbotsford are already subjected to huge levels of air pollution - asthma is rampant. We can't see the mountains for the poisonous yellow haze. Have a power line and this will tell just what other health problems will be a result of living in this air. We already have a problem with polluted water as well as live with unsightly power lines criss-crossing over the city and surrounding countryside. To subject us to more of the above would be an unconscionable act - our city is not a garbage dump. Please help to make us proud of Abbotsford, not ashamed.

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Sincerely, Cynthia Churchill  
Abbotsford Resident